

Proposed Bill No. 338

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LCO No. 1236

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by: SEN. DEBICELLA, 21st Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE GERRYMANDERING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That article 3 of the constitution of the state be amended to prevent
- 2 legislative gerrymandering by requiring the Office of Legislative
- 3 Research to develop three separate plans for redistricting and submit
- 4 the three plans to the legislature for consideration. Such plans shall be
- 5 based upon population equality, contiguity, unity of towns and cities,
- 6 nesting smaller districts with larger ones, and compactness. The plans
- 7 may not be amended, and the General Assembly may approve one of
- 8 the plans. Failure to adopt one of the plans shall result in the current
- 9 constitutional provision for a committee of conference.

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent legislative gerrymandering.